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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: COAL (08.03)

REF: (A) STATE 22659, (B) MOSCOW 752, (C) STATE 7707,
(D) MOSCOW 1453

1. USDEL DOES HAVE INTEREST IN PARA 5 REFTEL MOSCOW 0752
TECHNOLOGIES. HOWEVER, INTEREST NOT CONFINED TO THESE
AREAS WHICH IS THE REASON FOR EXPLORATORY MEETING SUGGESTED
IN REFTEL STATE 22659. OTHER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE
SURFACE MINING, SHAFT SINKING, THICK AND THIN SEAM
MINING, ETC. MAY SITE VISIT DECISIONS SHOULD AWAIT
RESULTS OF MARCH MEETING.

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2. CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES REQUESTED IN
PARA 4 REFTEL MOSCOW 0752 SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED. REPRESENTATIVES ON PROPOSED MARCH 2-4 VISIT CAN EXPLAIN
FURTHER. US GOVERNMENT HAS TWO CLASSES OF ACTIVITY
WITH REGARD TO MINING. ONE IS REGULATORY INVOLVING
DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY, INTERIOR, AND LABOR. SECOND
HAS TO DO WITH DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW

TECHNOLOGY. LARGEST PROGRAM AND BROADEST CHARTER IN THIS IS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S PROGRAM DIRECTED BY W. SCHMIDT (PROPOSED FOR MARCH VISIT REFTEL STATE 22659) WITH BUDGET (FY 78) OF DOLS 65 MILLION. NEXT LARGEST ACTIVITY IS DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF MINES, DOLS 40 MILLION. THAT PROGRAM IS RESTRICTED TO HEALTH AND SAFETY. PROGRAMS OF OTHERS ARE SMALLER (DOLS 1 TO DOLS 8 MILLION/YEAR) AND SIMILARLY RESTRICTED IN SCOPE.

3. DOE HAS CONTACTED JOY REGARDING PARA 3 REF D. JOY SAID THEY HAD RESOLVED MATTER WITH SOVIET ORGANIZATION WITH WHOM THEY HAD BEEN DEALING. HOWEVER, THEY WILL REPEAT COMMUNICATION AND TRY TO ASSURE THAT POCHENKOV IS ALSO INFORMED.

4. INCLUSION OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE(S) IN MAY DELEGATION VISIT (PARA 4 REF D) DEPENDANT ON RESULTS OF MARCH VISIT.

5. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT MR. O'LEARY USED NO PREPARED TEXT FOR THE INTERVIEWS CITED IN PARA 4 REF B. COPIES OF ARTICLES APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS WERE POUCHED 1/6/78 UNDER REGISTRY 3775534.

6. PARA 3 REF A. DOE REGRETS INCORRECT WORDING. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING CORRECTED INFORMATION TO BLAGOV. UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTE. AS YOU KNOW, AL DUERBROUCK WILL BE IN MOSCOW ON MAY 15 TO PARTICIPATE IN FINALIZING THE PROGRAM FOR THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL COAL PREPARATION CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1979. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT IF YOU COULD RECEIVE OUR DELEGATION JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THE MAY 15 MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS. UNQUOTE.

7. DOE IS QUITE ANXIOUS TO LEARN STATUS OF REQUEST TO BLAGOV TO RECEIVE MSSRS. SCHMIDT AND PITROLO, CONTAINED IN REF A. VANCE

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